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SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to open on the first section of the committee amendment.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Madam President and members. I believe that dividing the question will give us the opportunity to look at this in the segments, and I was in agreement with Senator Wickersham as to the division, and will allow us to look at each segment as we move through the bill. This first one really gets to one of the main issues that the committee spent a great deal of time on, and causes the change in the status of Class I school districts, and really came about from the discussion of, if we have a limited levy, for one thing, how are we going to divide that levy? If we have the situation that I held up here on the map with a Campbell, Nebraska having affiliated seven different ways, how, when you have a limited amount of dollars, do you divide the dollars? How much does the high school get? How much does each one of those Class I get? We had to have a system for dividing up the levy. Then that is where the suggestion came to give the budget authority to the high school board. That means that they, those people elected to that high school board in a Class VI-Class I system, will divide how...will decide how that levy will be divided up in that system. It then also says, on the other side for the affiliated systems, that they, the class, high schools, will also have that authority for them. It does the same thing for both systems. The problem with the affiliated is that because they are affiliated so many different ways they will be forced to choose one high school. We saw it as a means for dividing the levy and trying to keep two tracks that are similar and less confusing to people. And with that, I will give my remaining time to Senator McKenzie for the remainder of the opening.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, the committee amendments have been divided. I am doing this as much for my own summary as for the body. Senator Bohlke has opened on the first division. We will now...excuse me, she yielded some time to Senator McKenzie, and following that, we will deal with committee amendments. I apologize. Senator McKenzie, if you would continue, I've used up probably 30 seconds of your time, but you have about seven